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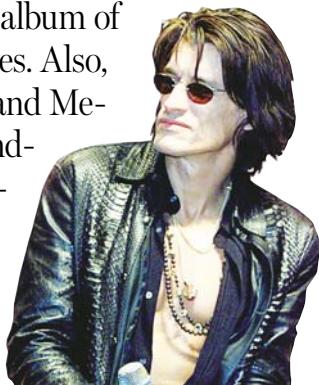
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IMAGE OF LOSS: Orville White holds a photograph of his niece (in pink), who died in Monday's rampage.

Boy Admired Hitler

Link to 'angel of death' posts eyed in Minn. school killings

RED LAKE, MINN. | The boy accused of killing nine people in a shooting spree first shot his grandfather and his companion, then donned the man's police-issue gunbelt and bullet-proof vest before heading to the high school, where he shot students and teachers at random, authorities said Tuesday.

FBI agent Michael Tabman said Jeff Weise appeared to be acting alone in Monday's rampage and the motive was unknown. When it was over, 10 people, including five students and Weise himself, were dead.

It was the worst U.S. school shooting

since the Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

There was no immediate indication of Weise's motive. But several students said he held anti-social beliefs, and he may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler.

A writer who identified himself as Jeff Weise of the Red Lake Reservation posted the messages under the nickname "Todesengel" — German for "angel of death," but it had not been determined if that writer was Weise. (AP)

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WHOOPS! Sleep Like the Dead A company that transports bodies fired a driver after a mix-up on Saturday sent a sleeping senior to a morgue in Surrey, British Columbia, the Canadian Press reported. The Vancouver First Call Service



driver was called to retrieve a body from an extended-care facility; instead, he took a napping 87-year-old woman. He left her on a gurney in a corridor, where the mistake was discovered. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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Schiavos Plead for Daughter

Appeal judge's decision not to order feeding tube back in

TAMPA, FLA. | Warning that Terri Schiavo was "fading quickly" and might die at any moment, her parents begged a federal appeals court to order the severely brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted.

David Gibbs III, attorney for parents Bob and Mary Schindler, told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Tuesday that the 41-year-old woman might die before they get a chance to fully argue their case that her rights are being violated. The appeal came after a federal judge in Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request.

There was no immediate indication of when the appeals court might rule.



Felos

Even before the parents' appeal was filed, the woman's husband urged the 11th Circuit not to grant an emergency request to restore nutrition.

"That would be a horrific intrusion upon Mrs. Schiavo's personal liberty," said the filing by Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos.

The Schindlers have been locked for years in a battle with Schiavo's husband over whether her feeding tube should be disconnected. State courts have sided with Michael Schiavo, who insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially.

In court documents, the couple said their daughter began "a significant decline" late Monday. Her eyes were sunken and dark, and her lips and face were dry. The feeding tube was disconnected on Friday. JILL BARTON (AP)

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GLITCHES

Return Your Return

About 10,000 Swedes got a surprise payout this past Wednesday when a computer error caused the government to distribute almost \$145 million too much in savings returns. The national debt office was paying out returns on a long-term savings fund when a malfunctioning computer repeated the \$72 million transfer twice. Hence,

about 10,000 Swedes received three times the amount they were supposed to. A debt office spokeswoman said letters were sent to all affected customers Thursday, informing them of the error and telling them they had to return the extra money within a week or face legal action. Office officials said the mishap was costing the agency about \$7,000 a day in lost interest rates, as well as the extra work needed to get the money back. (AP)

MISPRINTS

It Could Happen To You! Or Not!

Lucky 13 wasn't so lucky in New York on Monday. Hundreds of people showed up at the Daily News' offices, angry about a misprint in the newspaper's Saturday scratch-match game winners. The winning numbers included 13 instead of the intended num-

ber, 12, so a lot more people won than should have. Vanessa Dover, 62, thought she'd scored \$100,000. "We were all celebrating Saturday night, jumping around; the grandkids were screaming," she said. The paper apologized (but blamed the game's judging agency) and said it was putting up more than \$1 million for a special drawing in which only those affected could compete. (AP)

SCENTS

Smells Like Holy Spirit

This Easter, Americans can infuse their festivities with the very odor of Jesus. A Vermillion, S.D., couple says they've captured the scent of Christ in a candle — available for \$18 at hisessence.com. Bob and Karen Tosterud, creators of the "His Essence" candle, say they were clued in to the Messianic aroma by Psalms 45:8, which states that, when Christ returns, his garments will smell like myrrh, aloë and cassia. The couple sold 10,000 since October; "it



was the hottest item in South Dakota for Christmas," Karen Tosterud told KSBW-TV. Their goal is to bring people closer to God. "You can't see him, and you can't touch him," said Bob Tosterud. But "you may be able to sense him by smelling." (AP/EXPRESS)



JAY KARR/ISLAND PACKET/AP

SOCCER

Gator Goalmouth

In a one-sided game of keep-away on Monday in Hilton Head Island, S.C., this alligator won hands down. Soccer-ball biting seems to be a trendy diversion for the gators around the Hilton Head Preparatory School: Joe Maffo of Critter Management, a local company that handles nuisance alligators, said he removed five soccer balls from gators' mouths near the school last year. It's not the most exciting hobby, though — after a few hours behind the school's athletic field with the ball, this one got bored and spit it out. (AP)

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PLUNDER BLUNDER: Police said a man arrested in Broussard, La., after a car chase Saturday robbed a store of tobacco and whiskey while clutching a sword in his teeth and growling "like a pirate" at the clerk, a sheriff told the (Baton Rouge) Advocate.



Nation

Minn. Shooter's Motive Still Unclear

'Quiet' teen reportedly posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site

BEMIDJI, MINN. | He created comic books with ghastly drawings of people shooting each other. He dressed in black, wore eyeliner and apparently admired Hitler and called himself the "Angel of Death" in German.

His father committed suicide about four years ago, and his mother is in a nursing home after an auto accident, according to news reports.

On Monday, 17-year-old Jeff Weise went on a rampage, shooting to death his grandfather and a companion, then invading his high school on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Armed with two pis-



Jeff Weise, shown in an undated family photo, shot himself to death on Monday.

tols and a shotgun, he killed nine people and wounded seven before shooting himself to death.

Investigators are not sure exactly what set Weise off, but fellow students said they saw what looked, in retrospect, like warning signs.

About a month ago, his sketch of a guitar-strumming skeleton accompanied by a caption that read "March to the death song 'til your



AFTERMATH: Natasha Fineday, left, and her mother, Dawn, weep during a prayer service for shooting victims outside a hospital in Bemidji, Minn., on Tuesday.

boots fill with blood" was displayed in his English class, said classmate Parston Graves Jr.

Weise, who routinely wore a long black trench coat, eyeliner and combat boots, has been described by classmates as a quiet teenager.

But if Weise was quiet in school, he became an extrovert in cyberspace. It appeared he may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Hitler and calling himself "Todesengel," German for the "Angel of Death."

Fellow student Ashley Morrison, 17, said Weise liked heavy metal music and dressed like a "goth."

"He looks like one of those guys at the Littleton school," Morrison said, referring to the teen gunmen who killed 12 students, a teacher and themselves at Columbine near Littleton, Colorado. AMY FORLITI (AP)

SCHOOL SAFETY: Despite nationwide security efforts, gun violence rocks another school | Today's Post, A Section

TEXAS | AIRBORNE



Poll: Schiavo Vote Wrong

WASHINGTON | About seven in 10 Americans say Congress inappropriately intervened in the case of a brain-damaged woman whose relatives disagree over whether she should be allowed to die, according to a new poll.

Her husband wants her taken off life support after more than 14 years in which she has lived in a vegetative state. But her parents want her kept alive in case she responds to treatment someday.

Congress voted to shift her case

into federal court for review after a state judge in Florida decided that her feeding tube should be removed.

About two-thirds in an ABC News poll said the political leaders who are trying to keep Schiavo alive are more concerned with using her case for political advantage than with her or the principles involved in keeping her alive.

Almost that many in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, nearly six in 10, said they think the feeding tube should be removed. (AP)

Call From Boy's Mother Detailed In Jackson Trial

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | A comedian who gave \$20,000 to the family of the boy now accusing Michael Jackson of molestation testified Tuesday she received a tearful phone call from the boy's mother that led her to believe the family was being held against its will.

Comedian Louise Palanker was called by the prosecution to support the charge that Jackson conspired

to hold the family captive after the documentary "Living With Michael Jackson" aired on Feb. 6, 2003, in order to get them to make a rebuttal video praising Jackson.



Jackson

On the witness stand, Palanker said soon after she left a message, the mother called her and sounded frightened.

Jackson's defense contends the boy's mother exploited relationships with Palanker and other celebrities to get money. (AP)

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STICKY SITUATION: A Medina County, Ohio, school is asking parents to keep peanut butter sandwiches at home due to a student's severe allergy to peanuts. Schools nationwide are struggling with such allergies, the (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported.

Telescope Spots Far Out Light

Scientists measure extrasolar planetary glow for the first time

A NASA telescope peering far beyond our solar system has for the first time directly measured light from two Jupiter-sized gas planets closely orbiting distant stars, adding crucial features to astronomy's portrait of faraway worlds.

Studies of the infrared light streaming from the two giant planets suggest they are made of hot, swirling gases that reach a broiling 1,340 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

"It's an awesome experience to realize we are seeing the glow of distant worlds," said astronomer David Charbonneau of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., whose team captured light from a planet in the constellation Lyra.

Since the mid-1990s, scientists have discovered more than 130 of these so-called extrasolar planets. But the stars they orbit are so distant and shine so brightly that they tend to overwhelm the planets from view. (AP)

In the genes: New research on plants has revealed startling new details on DNA | Today's Post, A Section

Bin Laden Escape Detailed

In document, Gitmo detainee claims terror leader evaded pursuers

WASHINGTON | A terror suspect held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was a commander for Osama bin Laden during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s and helped the al Qaeda leader escape his mountain hide-out at Tora Bora in 2001, according to a U.S. government document.

The document, provided to The Associated Press in response to a

Freedom of Information request, says the unidentified detainee "assisted in the escape of Osama bin Laden from Tora Bora." It is the first definitive statement from the Pentagon that bin Laden was at Tora Bora and evaded U.S. pursuers.

The detainee is not identified by name or nationality. He is described as being "associated with" al Qaeda and having called for a jihad, or holy war, against the United States. In an indication he might be a higher-level operative, the document says he "had bodyguards" and collaborated with regional al Qaeda leadership. (AP)

GUANTANAMO HEARINGS

→ A shackled Sudanese man denied being a threat to the United States or participating in a riot in Afghanistan, pleading for his freedom Tuesday at a military hearing to determine whether he should remain held at the U.S. Naval Base in Cuba. The hearing was one of four Tuesday, and one of the first open to media. The other three suspects — a Saudi, an Azerbaijani and an Algerian — refused to attend and their hearings were held in their absence. (AP)

MIAMI | SHORT ORDER



SUSHI SOUS-CHEFS: Sarah Yang, 4, left, Angela Moon, 4, center, and Lauren San Martin, 5, keep an eye on each other as they learn how to make sushi during a demonstration with a sushi chef on Tuesday at the Miami Children's Museum. (RAUL RUBIERA/MIAMI HERALD/AP)

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In Brief



The suspect in the kidnapping plot, Kelly Frank, leaves court Tuesday. (ROBIN LOZNIAK/AP)

CHOTEAU, MONT. Not Guilty Plea in Plot to Kidnap Letterman's Baby

A man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to plotting to kidnap David Letterman's 16-month-old son and nanny and hold them for \$5 million ransom. Kelly Frank, 43, a painter who had been hired do to work on Letterman's ranch in north-central Montana, faces felony charges of solicitation and theft and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction. The judge ordered him to remain jailed on bail pending his next court appearance April 5. (AP)

DES MOINES, IOWA New Law Limits Access to Cold Medicine Ingredient

Gov. Tom Vilsack on Tuesday signed a bill restricting access to pseudoephedrine, an ingredient in common cold medicine that's also used to produce the highly addictive drug methamphetamine. The law prohibits one-time sales of more than a single package of liquid and liquid gel capsules containing less than 360 milligrams of pseudoephedrine — about the amount found in children's cold medicines. Packages containing more than 360 milligrams have to be bought from a pharmacist. (AP)

WASHINGTON High Court Says Inmate's Religion Properly Considered

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a jury which sentenced a convicted killer to death had properly taken into account his religious conversion, even though a prosecutor incorrectly argued it was irrelevant. In a 5-3 ruling, justices reversed a lower court ordering a new trial for William Payton. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Cheney's Take: The vice president says the naming of White House loyalists to top diplomatic posts will strengthen the U.S. position on the world stage. | *Page A1*

Eye to Eye: The new "Faces of the Fallen" exhibit honors U.S. military servicemen and women through individual portraits. | *Style*

Crowd Control: NASA is newly weighing public safety in shuttle launches and landings. | *A Section*

Guard Enlistment Age Raised to 39

WASHINGTON | The Army is tapping into a new pool of potential recruits for the National Guard and Army Reserve by raising the maximum enlistment age from 34 to 39, officials said Tuesday.

The move, described as a three-year test program, is designed to help the Guard and Reserve meet their recruitment goals at a time when the Iraq war and other pressures are discouraging young people from joining.

Census figures show that the change will add about 22 million people to the Army Guard and Reserve recruiting pool. (AP)

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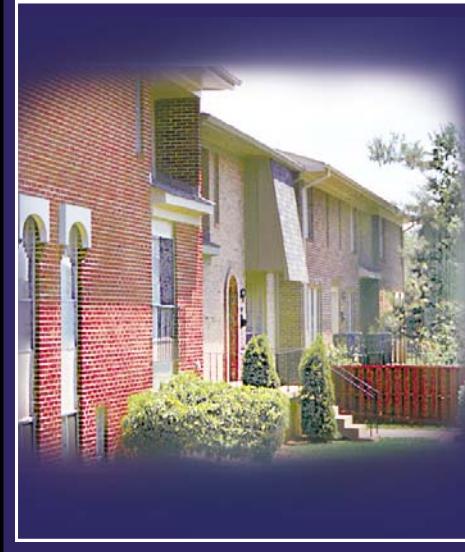


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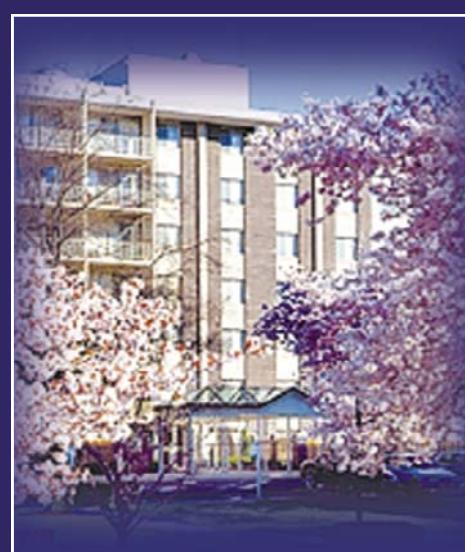
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World

Iraqi Civilians Hit Back at Attackers

Baghdad merchants retaliate, kill 3 after gunmen open fire

BAGHDAD | Shopkeepers and residents on one of Baghdad's main streets pulled out their own guns Tuesday and killed three insurgents when hooded men began shooting at passers-by, giving a rare victory to civilians increasingly frustrated by the violence bleeding Iraq.

The clash in the capital's southern Doura neighborhood erupted when militants in three cars sprayed bullets at shoppers. Three people — a man, a woman and a child — were wounded. The motive was unclear, but there have been previous attacks in the ethnically mixed neighborhood. Earlier in the day, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman as he drove to work, police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Ghayri said.

A forceful citizen response is rare, but not unheard of in a country

where conflict has become commonplace and the law allows each home to have a weapon. Early this month, police said townsmen in Wihda, 25 miles south of Baghdad, attacked a group of militants believed to be planning to raid the town and killed seven.

In other violence Tuesday, Iraqi commandos backed by U.S. ground and air fire attacked an apparent insurgent training camp near Lake Tharthar in eastern Iraq, killing an undetermined number of militants and capturing 20, the U.S. military said. Seven commandos were reported dead and six wounded.

And in Mosul, the deputy police commander, Col. Wathiq Ali, said 17 militants were killed and 14 captured late Monday after an assassination attempt on police officials.

Also in Mosul, a roadside bomb that exploded near a U.S. patrol killed four civilians. It wasn't immediately clear if the troops suffered casualties. TRACI CARL (AP)



LEGACIES: Italy's top administrative court ruled Tuesday that Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of Italy's wartime fascist dictator, could run in regional elections, overturning two lower court rulings that her right-wing party could not contest the Lazio region's April 3-4 ballot because of alleged fake voter signatures. Mussolini had been on a hunger strike — with an allowance for three cappuccinos a day — to protest the exclusion of her party. (AP)

EU Pressured Over China Arms Ban

Some resist U.S. calls to keep ban in place, saying it's outdated

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | European Union leaders were under pressure to delay plans for resuming weapons sales to China, as Washington hardens opposition to ending the 15-year EU embargo in the wake of Beijing's new law authorizing a military attack on Taiwan.

Gathering Tuesday for their two-day spring summit, the 25 EU leaders were facing fire from both sides after China reacted angrily to reports that the bloc may put back its target for lifting the embargo

beyond the end of June.

"The arms embargo against China is political discrimination," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in Beijing.

Europe has long been divided over lifting the ban. France and Germany have led demands for it to go, calling the embargo a Cold War relic that holds back trade opportunities with China's booming economy. French President Jacques Chirac said lifting the embargo was aimed at improving relations with the



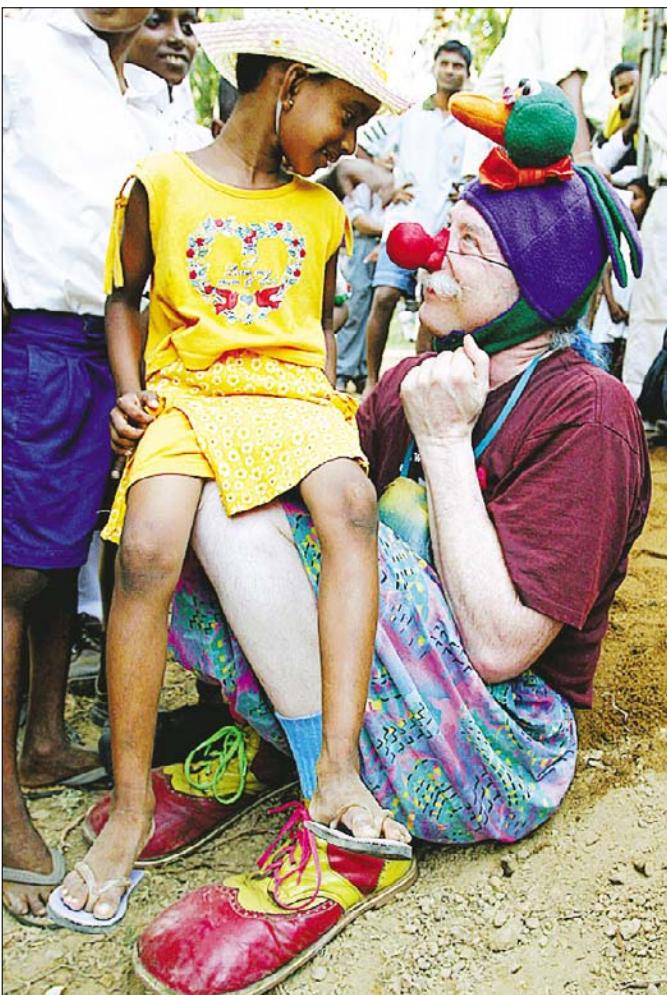
Chirac

Asian economic giant, not selling weapons. "The Europeans have no intention of engaging in an armaments exportation policy toward China," Chirac told the Japanese newspaper Asahi Shimbun.

France's ambassador to the United States said Tuesday that his country remains committed to lifting the EU embargo on weapon sales to China. "It makes sense to lift an embargo which is obviously outdated," French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte said in a speech at Yale University. PAUL AMES (AP)

Waering: Leaders of Britain, other nations are said to be backing away from lifting ban | Today's Post: Section A

SRI LANKA | CLOWNING ACHIEVEMENT



ANURUDDHA LOKHAPURARACHCHI/

HEALING TOUR: Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams — an American physician who mixes humor with healing — plays with a tsunami orphan in Hikkaduwa, southern Sri Lanka, on Tuesday. Adams, the inspiration for the 1998 movie starring Robin Williams, is leading a troupe of 30 clowns on a week-long tour of laughter and healing along Sri Lanka's tsunami-hit southern coast.

Putin to Visit Israel In First for Russia

JERUSALEM | Russian President Vladimir Putin will visit Israel in April, the first visit ever by a Russian leader to the Jewish state, Israeli officials said Tuesday.

Israeli-Russian relations have improved greatly in the 15 years since the fall of the Soviet Union, which supported Israel's Arab enemies. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has visited Moscow three times since taking office in 2001.

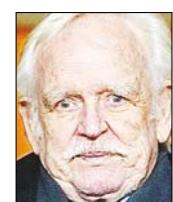
Putin will arrive in Israel on April 27 for a two-day visit, officially as a guest of President Moshe Katsav, said Ron Ben-Yishai, an aide to Katsav. Kremlin officials could not confirm the plan. (AP)

In Brief

SUDAN

U.S. Official Shot, Wounded

An American foreign assistance official was shot and wounded Tuesday while riding in a convoy in the lawless Darfur region of western Sudan. The woman, who suffered facial wounds, was treated at a facility in Sudan before being evacuated to another country for additional treatment, a State Department spokesman said. The woman was part of a disaster assistance team operated by the U.S. Agency for International Development. (AP)



Rainier

MONACO

Prince Rainier Moved to ICU

Prince Rainier III, who brought Hollywood glamor to this tiny principality when he married American actress Grace Kelly, has been moved to a hospital intensive care unit, the palace said Tuesday. The 81-year-old Rainier was hospitalized two weeks ago with a chest infection. (AP)

GREECE

Canadian Teen Charged With Stealing 'Rock' at Parthenon

Greek authorities charged a Canadian teenager Tuesday with illegal possession of antiquities after spotting her with a piece of marble she allegedly took from the grounds of the 2,500-year-old Parthenon. Madelaine Gierc, 16, was arrested Sunday. A magistrate ordered her released from custody Tuesday and said she could leave the country, pending trial. Gierc said she picked up the stone to pose for a photograph. "It was ... dusty and just looked like a rock," she said. (AP)



Gierc, left, greets her father at Athens International Airport on Tuesday.

"I do not want to end up with an American style of politics, with us all going out there beating our chest about our faith."

—British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Tuesday. Blair rarely discusses his religion.



World

Mubarak Challenger Charged

U.S. had criticized Egypt over handling of Ayman Nour's case

CAIRO, EGYPT | The only man who has dared to challenge Hosni Mubarak for the presidency was charged Tuesday with forging signatures to win approval for his party — an escalation in the government's confrontation with the most prominent figure in Egypt's fledgling reform movement.



Nour said he relished a court fight he said would give him a platform for his campaign and his criticism of Mubarak's regime.

Prosecutors accused Nour of forging signatures required for the registration application for his Al-Ghad party.

Nour, 40, was arrested in January and detained for six weeks without charge — sparking tensions between Egypt and the United States, which demanded his release. The dispute came as Washington was pressing Egypt to lead democratic reform in the Middle East. (AP)

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French Bid Adieu to Shorter Workweek

Lawmakers vote to let employees work more than 35 hours a week

PARIS | After weeks of angry debate and street protests, French lawmakers effectively dismantled the country's 35-hour workweek Tuesday by voting to allow employers to increase working hours.

In a final vote, the National Assembly approved a bill permitting employers to negotiate deals with staff to increase working time by 220 hours a year in return for better pay. The law was approved by 350 votes to 135, with overwhelming support coming from President Jacques Chirac's conservatives.

The bill effectively clears the way for the erosion of the 35-hour week, a flagship policy of the former Socialist-led government that

gave many people more time off but added to concerns about France's declining global competitiveness.

The shorter workweek was introduced on a voluntary basis in 1998 and made compulsory two years later in a bid to force employers to hire more people. But France's current 10 percent jobless rate is testament to its failure to generate the promised millions of new jobs.

Although the new law does not formally abolish the 35-hour workweek, it sidesteps it by allowing employers to offer staff extra working hours at a higher rate of pay.

In order to apply the changes, however, companies will have to break away from their broad agreements with unions and negotiate deals with their own staff representatives. This means that the effects of the reform will take time to make themselves felt. (AP)

AUSTRALIA | POWER SAW



WOOD, WORK: American Peg Engasser watches teammate Nancy Zalewski compete at the women's woodchopping relay at Sydney's Royal Easter Show on Tuesday. More than 30 women competed this year, the most ever.



SHIPPING OUT: India is joining an elite club of countries that are building aircraft carriers, a top naval official said on Tuesday. Work has begun in the southern port city of Cochin on a 41,340-ton carrier, said Vice Admiral Yashwant Prasad. Delivery is expected in 2012, he said. The U.S., France and Britain are the only other countries now producing aircraft carriers. (AP)

Official: Camilla Not Keen on 'Queen'

LONDON | Camilla Parker Bowles does not want the title of queen after Prince Charles becomes king, his office said Tuesday.

Charles and his bride-to-be had said she would take the title of Princess Consort if he becomes king. They are being married April 8.

But Constitutional Affairs

Minister Christopher Leslie said in a statement last week that the marriage of Charles and Parker Bowles would not be "morganatic" — in which the spouse of inferior status has no claim to the status of the other.

The Department for Constitutional Affairs confirmed that

interpretation, saying that legislation would be required to deny the title of queen to the king's wife.

But Paddy Harverson, communications secretary for Charles' office, said Tuesday the government's advice had been wrongly interpreted.

"Mrs. Parker Bowles can, as she wishes, be referred to as Princess Consort, rather than queen, without legislation," he said. (AP)



Parker Bowles attends a function at Westminster Abbey earlier this month.

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Local



MIC TEST: The Nationals will be holding closed auditions Wednesday for a new stadium announcer, although former Senators announcer Charlie Brotman will do the first few games. The team held interviews Tuesday for the "Nat Pack," which will rally fans.

GW Student Injured in Fire

Portable grill starts early-morning blaze; 15 people displaced

WASHINGTON | A student was critically injured Tuesday in a fire at a George Washington University dormitory, officials said.

Kevin McLaughlin, 19, of Farmington, Conn., was removed unconscious from a ninth floor room in Thurston Hall, located at 19th and G streets, NW, said university spokeswoman Tracy Schario.

The student had severe burns and was not breathing when he was rescued shortly before 5 a.m., District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Allen Etter said.

The fire was started by a portable grill, designed for indoor use, placed on the floor next to the student's bed, Etter said.

Schario said items such as grills, hot plates, and candles are forbidden in the university's dorms. If student is caught, they are issued



Catlian Tennant, 19, Kaelan Kennedy, 19, and Emily Buehrens, 18, wait on the sidewalk to reenter Thurston Hall at George Washington after an early-morning fire.

a warning and are asked to get rid of the item. Officials were not aware that McLaughlin had a grill in his room, she said.

Four rooms on the dormitory's ninth floor and one room on the eighth floor were severely dam-

aged by water, fire and smoke, Schario said.

All but 15 students were allowed back in the building, and the university was working to find alternate housing for those who were displaced. JAMES H. LUDWIN (AP)

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Hunger Strike Reaches 8th Day at Georgetown

WASHINGTON | A group of Georgetown University students reaffirmed their intention to continue a hunger strike Tuesday until officials meet their demands for an immediate living wage for university employees and contract workers.

Dressed in blue T-shirts with red letters spelling out "hunger strike," about two dozen students and 100 supporters, including labor leaders and union members, held a noontime rally at a campus crossroads known as 'Red Square' in support of security,

custodial and cafeteria workers.

It's a matter of "fairness and social justice," said hunger striker Donte Smith, a freshman from Houston who has lost 20 pounds.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., expressed solidarity with the strikers. "We know where the university should stand on issues as elementary as a living wage," said Norton, who teaches at Georgetown.

Students have lost a total of 270 pounds since the hunger strike began eight days ago. (AP)

'9/11 Flag' Going To New School

RICHMOND, VA. | The American flag that was allegedly flying over the Pentagon during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks sold on eBay for \$25,000 in a second online auction after a buyer who originally purchased it for more than \$370,000 backed out

over questions of its authenticity.

John A. Andrews II, 44, chairman of the Loudoun County School Board, purchased the flag Friday night despite the flap over whether it is authentic.

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Local



Gov. Mark Warner is cheered on while signing off on lowering the Va. food tax.

Va. Food Tax Lowered

New law expected to reduce weekly grocery bill

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Mark R. Warner signed legislation Tuesday that his administration says will reduce the grocery bill for a typical family of four by about \$1.60 a week.

The 2005 General Assembly passed legislation reducing the state portion of the sales tax on groceries by 1.5 cents on the dollar. The reduction had been scheduled in three half-cent increments, but a thriving economy allowed Warner and the

legislature to do it all at once.

"The most onerous tax we have is the sales tax on food," said Warner, who was joined at a bill-signing ceremony by five lawmakers who championed the tax cut.

The tax on food will not disappear completely. After June 30, Virginians will still pay a tax of 2.5 percent at the grocery store. Two percent goes to localities and a half-percent to the state's highway fund. (AP)

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Fed Raises Key Rate for 7th Time

Increasingly hawkish view of economy may lead to more hikes

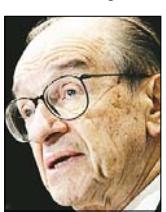
WASHINGTON | When it comes to the Federal Reserve, what it says is as important as what it does.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, concerned that soaring energy prices could stoke broader inflation, boosted the federal funds rate to 2.75 percent.

Economists and investors pretty much knew the Fed was going to boost rates, the seventh such increase since its credit tightening campaign began last June.

But what they really wanted to know was the Fed's thoughts on the

economy. The assessment they got: Inflation is picking up — a seemingly obvious statement that still managed to rattle investors. The Dow fell 94.88 points to close at



Greenspan

10,470.51. In a brief statement, the Fed policy-makers drew more attention to rising prices than they have in the past, noting that "pressures on inflation have picked up."

Economists viewed the Fed's overall comments on inflation as slightly more hawkish than previous statements and believed that suggested further interest-rate increases well into the year. (AP)

'Experimental' Corn Mistakenly Sold

SAN FRANCISCO | Swiss biotechnology company Syngenta AG said Tuesday it mistakenly sold to farmers an experimental corn seed genetically engineered to resist bugs that was never approved by U.S. regulators.

Hundreds of tons of the genetically engineered seeds and resulting corn crop were shipped in the

United States and overseas between 2001 and 2004. Federal investigators said there was no health or environmental risk because of the seed's similarity to another Syngenta product already approved for sale and consumption.

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Admin-

AFP Sues Google, Says It Infringes On Copyrights

NEW YORK | In a case that could set limits on Internet search engines, the French news agency AFP is suing Google Inc. for pulling together photos and story excerpts from thousands of news Web sites.

Agence France-Presse said the "Google News" service infringes on AFP's copyrights by reproducing information from the Web sites of its subscribers. The issues raised by the case have profound implications for the Internet, where anyone can be a publisher and blogs are becoming more frequent destinations for seekers of news.

In a statement, Google spokesman Steve Langdon said Web sites can request removal though most "want to be included in Google News because they believe it is a benefit to them and their readers." (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
KrspKrm	8.87	+.66	+8.0
Bairnco	11.28	+.80	+7.6
Zapata	72.95	+4.84	+7.1
ParkDrl	5.78	+.33	+6.1
LG Philip n	21.27	+1.17	+5.8

Losers

Quiksilver	29.74	-3.46	-10.4
EnerSys	12.20	-1.06	-8.0
McCorm vot	34.00	-2.65	-7.2
MStewart	20.39	-1.50	-6.9
McCorm	34.21	-2.55	-6.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.75	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.6875	2.625
3-month	2.81	2.74
2-year	3.83	3.74
10-year	4.63	4.55
30-year	4.91	4.82

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EltekLtd	3.75	+.183	+95.4
UFP Tch	5.95	+.138	+30.2
StFncl	36.42	+.641	+21.4
Forward	11.41	+.178	+18.5
ID Sys	11.05	+.170	+18.2

Losers

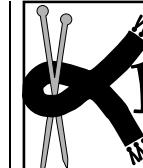
GdyFam	9.05	-1.89	-17.3
AmLokr	5.95	-1.23	-17.1
ElectArts	55.15	-11.20	-16.9
Avistar	2.14	-.39	-15.3
Britesmle	3.44	-.56	-14.0

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5309	.5267	.5415
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European Euro	.7651	.7591	.8106
Japanese Yen	105.57	105.04	106.76
Mexican Peso	11.2360	11.2430	10.9770
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Sports

A-LIST: 2001 champion and No. 5 player in the world Andy Roddick will headline the field at this year's Legg Mason Tennis



Classic in Washington D.C., taking place from July 30-August 7. Also planning to play is five-time champion Andre Agassi.

Bonds May Miss the Entire Season

'Tired' slugger blames media for some of his ills

BASEBALL | Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroids scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of the sport's most hallowed record.

The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally "done," and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

"I'm tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did," Bonds told reporters Tuesday, shortly after returning to training camp. "You finally brought

me and my family down. ... So now go pick a different person."

Bonds, whose 703 career homers are 11 short of Babe Ruth's total and 52 behind Hank Aaron's record, was back in camp following last week's arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, Bonds said, "My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me."



Bonds' chase of Babe Ruth will have to wait until his injured knee has healed.

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations.

Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Bonds spoke after a 1½-hour session with Giants trainer Stan Conte.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season," Bonds said. "I don't know. Right now I'm just going to take things slow."

KEN PETERS (AP)

Turner 'Won't Bite' on Redskins Owner Snyder

Coach says team was on right track before free-agent signings

FOOTBALL | Norv Turner thought the Washington Redskins were heading toward the Super Bowl after he coached them to the NFC East title in 1999.

Instead, it turned out to be their last winning record and Turner was fired late in the 2000 season.

"I thought we had a bright future," Turner, now the coach of the Oakland Raiders, said Tuesday at the NFL meetings. "We had a good young nucleus that we were building on. It's kind of how Philadelphia has been building their team. Instead

they decided to go in a different direction, signing older players for big money."

"They" in this case was Daniel Snyder, who bought the team in

1999, fired general manager Charley Casserly, then canned Turner. His direction was obvious: sign aging stars such as Bruce Smith and Deion Sanders to try to win quickly.

Turner was asked if he was talking directly about Snyder, although the questioner added: "You don't have to bite." "I won't bite," the coach replied with a smile. (AP)



Turner



Catcher Brian Schneider after conferring with pitcher Tony Armas, who struggled.

U.S. Hopes to Extend Streak in Mexico

SOCCER | A trip to Mexico for the U.S. soccer team usually means a big fiesta for the home club.

Going into Sunday's World Cup qualifier at Azteca Stadium, the United States is 0-21-1 when playing Mexico in Mexico.

But three years ago at the World Cup, the United States upset its regional rival 2-0 in South Korea. An American win Sunday would confirm that they've over-

taken Mexico for No. 1 in soccer's North and Central American and Caribbean region.

The 11th-ranked United States heads into the game with a team-record 16-game unbeaten streak that dates to a 1-0 loss at the Netherlands on Feb. 18 last year.

The Americans are undefeated in 31 games against CONCACAF rivals since a 2-0 defeat at Costa Rica on Sept. 5, 2001. RONALD BLUM (AP)

Pettitte Silences Nats

Astros score four runs off Armas in second inning during 8-2 win

NATIONALS | Andy Pettitte allowed two runs and four hits in his first start of the spring Tuesday, and Adam Everett had two doubles and two RBIs to lead the Houston Astros over the Washington Nationals 8-2.

"I felt like my breaking stuff was decent, and mechanically I felt good," Pettitte said. "I felt like my velocity was better than the other day, and that's a good thing. I don't feel like [the Nationals] really got

a good swing off me."

Pettitte allowed three hits in the first inning as Washington scored a pair of runs. J.J. Davis' infield single scored Carlos Baerga, and Jose Vidro came home when Houston first baseman Jeff Bagwell's throw got past Pettitte, who was covering on the play.

The Astros scored four runs in the second off losing pitcher Tony Armas Jr. Everett had a two-run double, and Bagwell added an RBI double. (AP)



The Orioles' Eric Dubose was arrested Monday for driving under the influence.

In Brief

FOOTBALL

NFL Approves N.Y. Super Bowl Bid — Conditionally

New York moved a step closer to getting the 2010 Super Bowl on Tuesday when an NFL committee approved the Jets' bid to get the game — contingent on the construction of a new stadium on the West Side of Manhattan. The approval by the league's Super Bowl advisory committee came a day after the Jets upped their bid for the rights to build on the land to \$720 million, surpassing the \$700 million from an energy company. (AP)

BASEBALL

Red Sox to Stay at Fenway

The Boston Red Sox have decided to stay at Fenway Park, ending years of speculation about whether the team would leave baseball's oldest and smallest stadium. The Red Sox on Wednesday plan to announce they will remain at Fenway, an industry source told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The Boston Globe said the team intends to seek public financing to improve streets and sidewalks around the stadium and to build one or more garages and a new train station. (AP)

ORIOLES

Pitcher DuBose Arrested On Drunken Driving Charges

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Eric DuBose was arrested and charged with drunken driving after sheriff's deputies in Florida saw him driving erratically, according to documents released Tuesday. A Sarasota County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled DuBose over about 12:55 a.m. Monday. DuBose refused to answer questions, according to the report, and his breath test registered 0.113, which is above the state alcoholic content limit of 0.08. (AP)



TV deal: Peter Angelos and MLB continue to negotiate on a TV deal for the Nationals | Today's Post, Sports

ANOTHER SHOT: The good news for Indiana's men's basketball coach Mike Davis is that he gets to keep his job. The bad news is that athletic director Rick Greenspan warned in the announcement that the Hoosiers' 29-29 record over the past two years needs to improve.



Sports

Utah's Bogut Leads All-America List

Australian center may be top pick in NBA draft

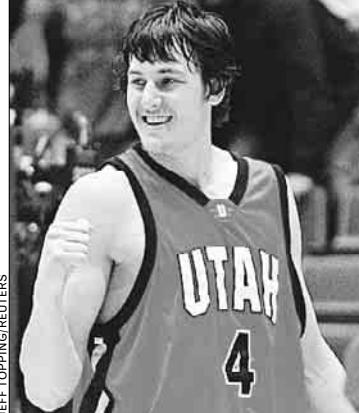
COLLEGE HOOPS | Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the pre-season All-America balloting.

All that has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press' All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 20.4 points

and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

Bogut, whose blend of shooting and passing skills have led Utah to the Sweet 16 of the ongoing NCAA tournament, was the only member of the first team not to have



Andrew Bogut has Utah in the Sweet 16.

JEFF TOPPING/REUTERS

received any recognition after last season.

Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better as the year went along," first-year Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said. "I've never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has."

JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

NCAAs: For results of the Maryland and GWU women's tournament games | washingtonpost.com/sports

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M. ON ESPN2) Maryland hosts Davidson in the second round of the NIT. Does anyone care?

COLLEGE HOOPS (10 P.M. ON ESPN2) Memphis hosts Vanderbilt in another NIT game.

NBA (8 P.M. ON ESPN) The NBA champion Detroit Pistons visit the struggling Philadelphia 76ers.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON ESPN) With new coach Avery Johnson, the Dallas Mavericks take on the Golden State Warriors.

BASEBALL (3 P.M. ON ESPN2) The banged-up Chicago Cubs play the Arizona Diamondbacks in an exhibition game.

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Cars



MUSTANG RALLY: Ford said last week that, in response to its popularity, the production of the Mustang will be increased by 70 percent to 192,000 units this year. It hopes to sell up to 175,000 of the cars in the United States and Canada in 2005.

Federal Test Debate

SAFETY | The 35-mph frontal crash test of the federal New Car Assessment Program is under fire by insurance companies and safety advocates who say it's too easy to pass and doesn't distinguish vehicles enough to be useful to consumers. The tests are also outdated, said the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, adding that while in 1979 less than a third of tested cars would've got a four- or five-star rating, 88 percent did so in 2003.

Proposals for change include rais-

ing the speed of the test to 40 mph and/or altering it to simulate more common types of crashes. Or, the test could go unchanged but the scoring would have finer distinctions for cars with the same high score.

But some experts and motor companies warn much higher speeds could actually compromise road safety. If carmakers stiffen front ends of vehicles to pass high-speed tests, the risk of serious injury to people in other cars and trucks would be raised. TOM INCANTALUPO (NEWSDAY)



SOME-WHEEL-DRIVE: While it's a neat system for using on the road, Ford says the all-wheel-drive isn't meant for off-roading.

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A Bit of Everything

Parts of SUV, station wagon and crossover meet in the Freestyle

ROAD TEST | It's getting harder to tell the difference between station wagons, crossover vehicles and sport utilities. The Ford Freestyle seems to have a bit of everything: All-wheel-drive expected of an SUV, body style of a wagon and the slightly higher ride height of a crossover.

It travels in front-wheel drive for better fuel economy, unless more traction is needed. Then, the electronic all-wheel drive — not meant for off-roading — automatically shifts power to the rear wheels.

This helps make the Freestyle feel stable, even on curves and corner-

ing. On wet and sloppy pavement, you don't lose traction and won't notice when the all-wheel drive is engaged. The vehicle also manages road bumps well. The impact of potholes seems absorbed throughout the car, keeping the rough stuff from passengers.

But the transmission can provide a bit of a different driving experience for some drivers, as it doesn't have specific, defined shift points. So, at times, drivers find themselves waiting in vain for a shift sensation. But, overall, the car smoothly accelerates and moves between gears.

The power doesn't come on in a sporty, showy way. The Freestyle also doesn't readily slow when lifting off the accelerator. Instead, it coasts for a while, so drivers may have to

learn to brake more often.

Inside, there's room for a third row of flip-and-fold seats, accommodating two people without having legs smashed in the second-row seats or feeling constrained, because the row sits up higher than the others. It's easy to get the seats back in their storage well, too. ANN M. JOB (AP)

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The Boss Is Back

TRENDS | The reign of the American muscle car was brief. Built for speed and looks beginning in the 1960s, its fumy demise came in the '70s, followed by decades of junkyard obsolescence. But now — thanks to the pop culture cycles, rich baby boomers and an industry ready to cash in on its roots — muscle cars are screeching back. Like rock T-shirts and Keith Richards haircuts, boss cars again have mainstream cool.



Pontiac hopes you'll fondly recall this '67 GTO, then go buy the '03 version. THE HARTFORD COURANT

— is due out this summer in "The Dukes of Hazzard." Later this year, Dodge will reissue the Charger.

Others are also reviving muscle lineage, such as Pontiac, which brought back the GTO in 2003. The remake getting almost universal applause is the 2005 Mustang, which recaptured the fastback Steve McQueen manhandled in "Bullitt" in 1968. "There was a time when muscle cars were worthless. Thankfully they didn't all end up in the crusher," said Jim Brown of Branson, Mo., who hunts for old cars. JOHN JURGENSEN (THE HARTFORD COURANT)



POISON PEN: You'd do the same thing in her shoes. CBS TV producer Mary Mapes, fired during the debacle over suspect documents regarding President Bush's military service, is writing her memoirs. The book is due this fall.

Entertainment

Today's Top Stops

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Breathe In: Aqualung

1 Matt Hales discovered his love for music buried deep in the racks of his parent's Southampton record store. He later developed Aqualung, a melancholy electro-rock outfit whose song "Strange and Beautiful (I'll Put a Spell on You)" was featured in a Volkswagen Beetle commercial. A few more VWs were sold, and a whole lotta Aqualung records.

Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 8 p.m., \$12.50; 410-268-4545.



Aqualung's Matt Hales writes delicate, evocative tunes about love and loss.

Fleet Fingers: Steve Vai

2 If you ever had Joe Satriani teaching you guitar licks, as Steve Vai did when he conscripted an older kid's tutelage in high school, you're sure to know that fingerboard inside and out. Vai's guitars rock at the speed of light.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., sold out; 800-551-7328.

Fixing a Hole: New Found Glory

3 After the last notes of Blink-182's "Hiatus" faded away, a void opened up in the punk-pop world. That's where New Found Glory steps in.

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Two Times a Lady

In Woody Allen's 'Melinda,' one story is comedy and drama

FILM | So here's the gimmick in Woody Allen's "Melinda and Melinda": Two stories, one comic and one tragic, are interwoven with some common details and themes.

Each focuses on a woman named Melinda; each features cheating spouses. Both are set against that classic Allen backdrop: the streets and social circles of sophisticated, angst-ridden New York.

It's a fabulous idea that nearly collapses under the weight of its own pretensions, though the film is buoyed slightly and sporadically by a couple of performances, notably that of Radha Mitchell as Melinda (and Melinda).

The comic parts aren't that funny and the tragic parts aren't that dramatic. And that's Allen's point. Several characters in the eclectic ensemble make some sort of reference to the fact that comedy and tragedy aren't so different. But that pervasive homogeneity blankets the film in blandness and prevents it from fully engaging the audience.



A LAUGH A MINUTE: Will Ferrell, Radha Mitchell and Steve Carell root for the comedic version in "Melinda and Melinda."

In the dramatic version, Melinda arrives on a bus, looking disheveled, and interrupts a dinner party being thrown by a couple of her college friends. She tells a tale of woe about losing her husband and children because of some stupid mistakes and ends up getting involved with a pianist (Chiwetel Ejiofor from "Dirty Pretty Things").

In the comedic version, Melinda

walks upstairs to her neighbors' apartment, looking as if she's about to pass out from too many sleeping pills, and interrupts a dinner party being thrown by husband and wife Hobie, an aspiring actor, and Susan, an independent film director (Will Ferrell and Amanda Peet).

She tells a tale of woe about losing her fiance and ends up being sought after by a few men, notably

Hobie, the on-screen Woody Allen figure in the equation.

Mitchel has a raw vitality that jumps off the screen, and the strength of her dual performances calls to mind that of Naomi Watts in "Mulholland Drive." But redeeming the entire movie is too much work for one woman — even for a woman who gets two cracks at it. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



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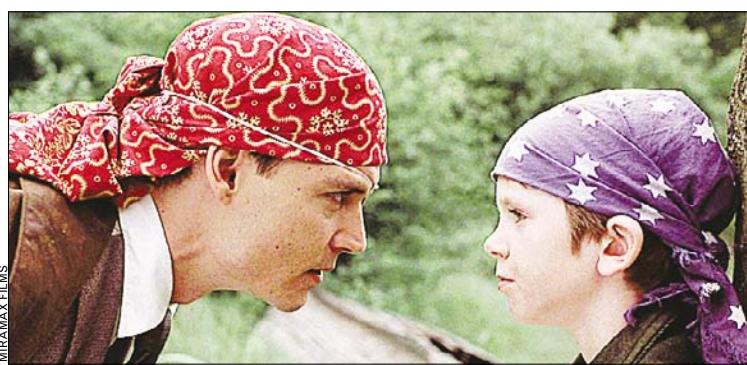
Lack of creativity and exciting extras hamper 'Neverland'

DVD | "Finding Neverland" is among the first of several high-profile Academy Award nominees hitting DVD in the coming weeks, including "Being Julia" (also out now), "Vera Drake" (March 29), "Sideways" (April 4) and "Hotel Rwanda" (April 12).

It's too bad the DVD of "Finding Neverland" isn't nearly as respectable as the film itself. Packaged on a

single disc, it includes a few special features, most of which aren't particularly special. It's a shame that a movie celebrating the power of the imagination is presented on a DVD completely devoid of imagination.

MOST UNEXPECTED BONUS POINTS: As director Marc Forster and co. discuss the movie's final, weepy scene during the commentary track, don't be surprised if you hear a phone ring. And then another. Apparently producer Gladstein and screenwriter David Magee forgot to turn off their cell phones during



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the discussion.

MOST ENTERTAINING BONUS POINT: The five-minute outtake reel is the best extra on the "Neverland" DVD because it allows us to see real, uncontrived footage of the cast in action.

MOST POINTLESS BONUS POINTS: All three of the deleted scenes clock in at around one minute or less and offer little new or interesting details about the movie's characters. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)



Entertainment



FULL-DRESS VILLAIN: You've seen him naked; now see him evil. Thomas Haden Church of "Sideways" has signed on to play Spidey's nemesis in "Spider-Man 3," the third installment of the blockbuster superhero film franchise destined to swing into theaters in May 2007.

Sideman Goes Solo

Joe Perry takes a break from Aerosmith to find his own voice

ON HIS OWN | Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry didn't have far to travel when it came time to polish the material on his upcoming self-titled solo set — he simply walked down the stairs and flipped on the lights in his basement home studio, the Boneyard.

"Part of my process for writing is, I like to go down and cover other songs just for the hell of it, just to see how they come out," Perry said. "That's one of the benefits of having a studio at the house."

The new album, due May 3 via Columbia, blends relatively recent compositions such as "Shakin' My

Cage," "Lonely" and "Push Comes to Shove" with new versions of old, never-completed ideas.

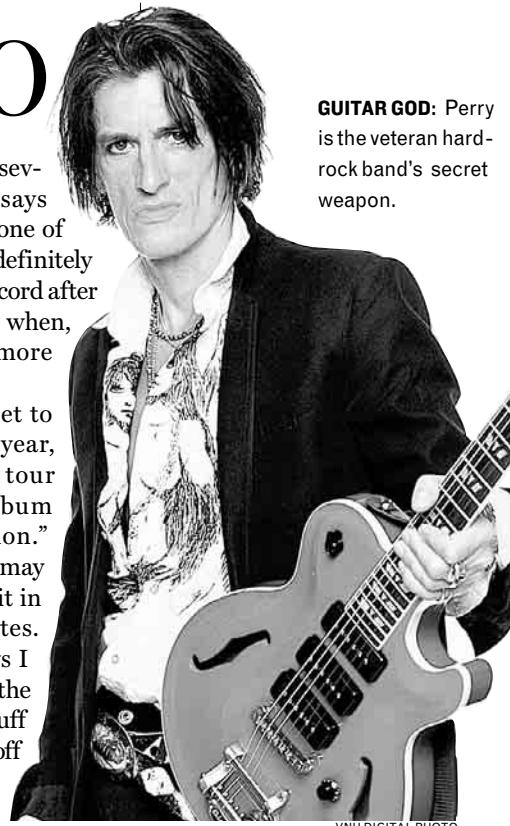
Perry says the closing instrumental, "Mercy," has been around in some form since sessions for Aerosmith's 1993 album "Get a Grip," while "Ten Years" was written "about 10 years ago for my 10th wedding anniversary, as a present for my wife."

Also featured are covers of Woody Guthrie's "Vigilante Man" and the Doors' "Crystal Ship." Said Perry of the former, "It's a tip of the hat to one of the most important musical figures of the last century, in my book anyway. Hopefully somebody who doesn't know Guthrie will hear this and explore, or grab one of his records."

Perry recorded enough material

that he was left with several extra tracks he says may form "the backbone of another record. I will definitely put out another solo record after this one. I'm not sure when, but I'd like it to be more sooner than later."

With Aerosmith set to reconvene later this year, Perry admits a full tour in support of his album is "out of the question." However, he says he "may ask a few friends to sit in with me on a few dates. It would be some guys I know that would play the [expletive] out of the stuff and be able to knock it off pretty quick." JONATHAN COHEN (BILLBOARD.COM)



GUITAR GOD: Perry is the veteran hard-rock band's secret weapon.

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THE PLAY'S THE THING | For the first time, a production by Washington's Shakespeare Theatre will travel to Britain for a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Company in the playwright's home town, Stratford-upon-Avon. The Kennedy Center also will host a visit by the British company in the coming season.

The American version of "Love's Labor's Lost," directed by Michael Kahn, will be performed first as part of the Shakespeare Theatre's 2005-2006 season and will go to Britain in the summer. The play is known for its witty dialogue and for references to events of the time that have had experts guessing for centuries. (AP)

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DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13) (2:20 5:00) 7:30 10:10
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 HITCH (PG-13) (1:40 4:10) 7:00 9:40
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 ★ ICE PRINCESS (G) (12:00 2:15 4:30) 7:00 9:15
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OFF THE MAP (NR) (1:20 4:00) 6:50 9:50
 SCHULTZE GETS THE BLUES (PG) (12:00 2:40 5:15) 7:50 10:30
 BRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:20 10:00
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 HOSTAGE (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 8:10, 10:10
 THE PASSION RECUT (NR-NOT RATED) 12:40 PM
 ROBOTS (PG) 12:05, 12:35, 1:05, 1:30, 2:35, 3:05, 3:40, 4:25, 5:10, 5:40, 6:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:30
 ROBOTS (PG) □ 1:05, 3:40, 6:15, 9:00
 BE COOL (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35
 THE JACKET (R) 10:00 PM
 THE PACIFIER (PG) 12:30, 2:10, 3:10, 4:45, 5:45, 7:25, 8:25
 CURSED (PG-13) 5:40, 8:30, 10:40
 DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:30
 CONSTANTINE (R) 1:40, 4:50, 8:00
 HITCH (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
 MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:10
 HOTEL RWANDA (PG13) 7:45, 10:40
 THE AVIATOR (PG13) 12:10, 4:00

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ICE PRINCESS (G) ✓ 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
 THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 2:30, 5:15, 8:15
 HOSTAGE (R) 2:15, 5:00, 8:00
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 BE COOL (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
 THE PACIFIER (PG) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45
 DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 2:00, 5:30, 8:30
 HITCH (PG13) 2:00, 5:30, 8:30

ACADEMY 8
 Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
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ICE PRINCESS (G) ✓ 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
 THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
 HOSTAGE (R) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
 ROBOTS (PG) 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
 BE COOL (PG-13) 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
 THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
 DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
 HITCH (PG13) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
 Courthouse and Birch Rd.
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THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10
 HOSTAGE (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:35, 10:00
 ROBOTS (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
 MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50
 SIDEWAYS (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6
 Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 5:10, 5:45, 7:45, 8:15
 ROBOTS (PG) 5:25, 7:45
 BE COOL (PG13) 5:25, 8:25, 8:05
 THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:45, 8:15
 HITCH (PG13) 5:10, 7:55

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10
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ICE PRINCESS (G) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30
 THE RING TWO (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:15
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 HITCH (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55
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RIVERTOWNE 12
 Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
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ICE PRINCESS (G) 5:40, 8:00
 THE RING TWO (PG13) 5:00, 5:40, 7:30, 8:10
 HOSTAGE (R) 5:30, 8:00
 THE PASSION RECUT (NR-NOT RATED) 5:10 PM
 ROBOTS (PG) 5:20, 6:00, 7:40
 BE COOL (PG13) 5:10, 7:50
 THE PACIFIER (PG) 5:50, 8:10
 DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG13) 5:30, 7:50, 8:20
 CONSTANTINE (R) 1:35, 4:40, 7:35, 10:35
 HITCH (PG13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 10:05
 MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG13) 1:20, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30
 SIDEWAYS (R) 4:05, 7:10, 10:10

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Television



GOOD BOY, NOW MAKE US MORE MONEY: Jay Mohr must have made tons o' dough for the producers of "Action" and "Last Comic Standing," because Sony Pictures Television has offered him a deal to create, star in and produce small-screen projects.

The Ugly Reality

DECLINING STANDARDS | Reality TV makes every couch potato an expert. It's easy to proclaim you could build a fire/sew a dress/down a cockroach shake/sing "I Will Always Love You" when you're only moving your hand from Doritos bag to mouth and back.

The one show that shuts up the armchair authority is "American's Next Top Model" (8 p.m., UPN). Say what you will about the girls' walks, these ladies are better looking than you, me or anyone we know.

That's why this fourth season of "ANTM" comes as a shock. It gives lie to the glamorous assumption that

A BEAUTIFUL EXCEPTION: Brandy has an attitude problem and perfect bones.

in malls, one-hour photo booths and diners all across America are beautiful young girls with sticklike limbs, swan necks and no hips ready to work it on the runway.

The contestants who believe themselves to be model material are — let's put this gently — the biggest collection of woof-doggies ever assembled on a show about aspiring clotheshangers.

Dumpy Sarah was the last to be voted off, so perhaps her absence will raise the bar. But only Brandy with the dazzling bone structure and the more interesting-looking girls, Naima and Lluvy, even approach the elegance and versatility needed to model. Did the producers not look too hard at the risk of showing up model/host Tyra Banks? Or are we just getting uglier? ARION BERGER

ON TV TONIGHT

FULL DISCLOSURE, HON

ALIAS (9 p.m., ABC) Nadia, Nadia, Nadia.
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ART MIRRORS LIFE

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRIDA KAHLO

(9 p.m., PBS) A documentary on the influential Mexican artist.

BLOOD RELATION

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CSI (9 p.m., CBS) Two people are dead in a casino, and the chief suspect? It rhymes with "Batharine's fiologal yawther."

BUNNING AWAY FROM 'FABBAH'

CHASING FARRAH (8 p.m., TV Land) The increasingly addled former sexpot Farrah Fawcett is the center of a multi-layered "reality" show with cameras on her, cameras on the cameras and her taking digital shots ... you know what? Never mind.



Three probably blameless actors (fake Ashton Kutcher left) in Fox's "Stick"

IF 'COBN DOG' IS FUNNY ENJOY

LIFE ON A STICK (8 p.m., Fox) Exhibit A in the case against sitcoms. Each character is a cheesy 10th-generation Xerox of a primetime "type." (EXPRESS)

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Style

Clothing designers, phone makers create high-fashion mobiles

Form may soon trump function in the world of cell phones. Since their introduction in the 1980s, cell phones have typically been judged by what's inside; battery life, messaging and other functions set models apart.

Now, exteriors are becoming just as important. Shape, color, screen images and sounds are no longer incidental — they're among the features that are starting to drive the industry's sales and growth.



POP PHONE: Von Furstenberg's cell design is inspired by Warhol.

Users, especially trendsetters, view their phones not just as communication devices, but as extensions of their identity, like watches or cars. "It's not about the minutes or the service," said hip-hop impresario Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. "It's about how the person is defined." Combs said he plans to design a line of cell phones.

Combs will be amplifying a trend that's well underway overseas. Beginning last summer, for instance, Siemens launched three cell phones with German fashion house Escada. One iteration, Denim and Diamonds, was outfitted in denim and crystals and came with a string of pearls attached. Price tag: \$1,040,

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without a contract. All 7,000 of the glittery handsets sold within two months, said Escada spokeswoman Sabine Eisenreich.

The cell phone "is not just a functional thing," Eisenreich said. "It's become an accessory, like shoes, bags, belts or jewelry." Though not completely new in the United States — Baby Phat's pink Motorola phone is a familiar fashion bauble — bling rings have been gathering steam here over the past two years.



PEARL POWER: Escada's Denim and Diamonds.

Blingtones

At Fashion Week in New York in February, Samsung launched a cell phone with designer Anna Sui. The duo unblinkingly calls the handset a "couture phone," owing to its "flirtatious rosettes, a butterfly and a whimsical charm." Last fall, Samsung teamed up with designer Diane von Furstenberg, who festooned her phone with an Andy Warhol painting reproduc-

tion — a likeness of the designer herself, in fact.

The increasingly commonplace use of mobile phones has created the desire for individuality. In the United States, companies trying to fill that demand by offering unique creations include some unlikely entrants, such as Dow Chemical Co. Four years ago, the company launched Inclosia Solutions to make

cell-phone housings out of wood, metal, leather and more.

Buyers will spend an extra \$60 for designs, said global marketing manager Tom Tarnowski. "What's on the outside counts, whereas before it was an after-thought," he said. "All of this sounds obvious to someone who sells shoes or purses or cars."

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What-If Worries

I'VE NOTICED THAT I FOCUS on scenarios of what can go wrong in my life, particularly involving my husband. I worry if I don't hear from him; TV shows about a spouse who dies reduce me to tears. Even an article about the high mortality rate of avian flu left me very upset. I know there's no guarantee that we'll live to old age and that we should enjoy every day. How do I overcome these fears so I don't miss my life in the present? —WORRYING WIFE IN VA.

There are many reasons, bird flu aside, why you might be having trouble living in the ostensibly happy moment. Perhaps you feel you don't deserve happiness or that your life is too good to be true. Or maybe you once had something you loved and it was taken from you suddenly, awfully, without warning. Maybe there's anxiety gnawing at you from another area of your life, making you cling to the security of your marriage with the fervor of static-ridden pants.

It's going to take some exploration to figure out and conquer. Start writing down these thoughts at the

moment they occur, then look for larger patterns that could connect them to something deeper. If you get nowhere, a counselor could really help you do some digging.

I have two friends, both married with children. I'm unmarried without children, and lately I've felt that we don't have much in common. I've been struggling with relationships, but when I talk to them about my problems, it seems like they pity me or are simply glad they don't have to deal with being single. I feel like I'm just going through the motions. Should I continue these friendships? —SINGLED OUT IN D.C.

Like good poppyseed bagels, many friendships eventually go stale. But who shops at Babies 'R' Us and who doesn't is probably not the real issue. More importantly, it sounds like you no longer feel supported and respected by your friends, and that the lifestyle gaps have led to emotional ones. This could be a two-way street — they could be reacting to a perceived lack of support from you — so it's worth trying to talk things through. Sadly, if their Mrs. Mom status has somehow translated into an irreversible inability for you all to truly connect, then it's probably time to move on.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy

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Letters

Columnist Wrong About Iowa

IN TUESDAY'S Fan Fare story ("Did Committee Play Favorites?"), columnist Mark Zaner jumps to the conclusion that Bob Bowlsby is the reason that the state of Iowa sent three

teams to the NCAA tournament. In the article, he says Iowa State, Northern Iowa and Iowa were "all considered bubble teams going into Selection Sunday." Actually, Iowa State and Iowa were considered to have played their way in to the tournament by sports writers across the nation. I'm sorry for Mr. Zaner, a Maryland student, that Iowa schools played their way in while the Terrapins didn't, but that's no reason to float conspiracy theories.

—BRETT LOCKARD
Alexandria, Va.

Correction:
Dates for a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus show were misspelled in Tuesday's edition. The circus will be at the MCI Center March 24-28.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight
Rain tapering to drizzle 44°	A bit of drizzle 38°

Thursday
Morning drizzle, clouds breaking 49° / 41°

Friday
Cloudy, a little rain 58° / 45°

Saturday
Partly sunny 61° / 38°

Sunday
Mostly cloudy, chance of rain 53° / 36°

Regional Weather

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	58°
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Average humidity	47%

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Month to date	0.93"
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Year to date	5.87"
Last year to date	5.51"
Normal year to date	8.44"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, cloudy, colder, rain, then drizzle. High 44.

Wind northeast 8-16 mph. Tonight, cloudy, drizzle. Low 38. Wind north 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:23 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:21 p.m.
Moonset today 5:20 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 16

National Weather for Wednesday, March 23

City	Today Hi/Low	Thur. Hi/Low
Atlanta	66/44/pc	70/51/s
Boston	42/31/pc	43/34/sf
Chicago	41/28/sn	46/38/c
Dallas	68/56/s	78/55/pc
Denver	56/30/c	52/22/pc
Honolulu	84/68/s	82/70/s
Los Angeles	62/52/pc	62/52/r
El Paso	78/52	78/52
Houston	74/54/r	74/54/r
Miami	86/70/pc	84/72/r
New York City	42/31/r	44/35/r
Orlando	82/60/t	84/64/pc
Seattle	52/38/pc	54/38/pc

Legend: Shows noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Thur. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	66/44/pc	61/50/r
Boston	42/31/pc	65/56/pc
Chicago	41/28/sn	57/45/pc
Dallas	68/56/s	75/57/s
Denver	56/30/c	52/28/sf
Honolulu	84/68/s	82/70/s
Los Angeles	62/52/pc	62/52/r
El Paso	78/52	78/52
Houston	74/54/r	74/54/r
Miami	86/70/pc	84/72/r
New York City	42/31/r	44/35/r
Orlando	82/60/t	84/64/pc
Seattle	52/38/pc	54/38/pc
Tokyo	57/43/r	55/39/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

World Cities

LOOK out

People

CULPRITS

Maybe the Same Person Who Killed Nicole Simpson?

In his first TV appearance since his acquittal last week, **ROBERT BLAKE**

 speculated on who might have killed his wife. On ABC's "Good Morning America," Barbara Walters asked Blake, "Do you have any idea who did it?" He paused and said, "She led that kind of life, where she made a lot of enemies and somebody ... somebody whose father was taken for a ride or something like that. I don't know. I don't know." (AP)

JUSTICE

A Very Special Episode

Former "Growing Pains" actress **TRACEY GOLD**

 **MARSHALL** was placed on three years' probation by a Ventura, Calif., judge after she pleaded guilty to a second felony drunken driving charge. Her husband and two of her three sons were injured in the September rollover accident. Since the crash, Marshall, 35, has been speaking to high school and college audiences about the hazards of driving while drunk. "It's been, for me, very healing," she said. (AP)

Tracey Gold prepares to audition for the role of Young Cosette in the traveling company of "Les Misérables."

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Carrie Is Dead, Ladies

SARAH JESSICA PARKER, right, the Gap's spokesmodel for the past three seasons, is being swapped for Brit singer **JOSS STONE**, Reuters reported. The Gap made sure to keep SJP feeling special, however: "While Gap will always seek partnerships with celebrities, musicians and rising stars, we don't have any future plans to sign a single person to a multi-season deal like the unique and special relationship we enjoyed with Sarah Jessica," the company said in a statement. (EXPRESS)

UNSEEMLY

London Horrified by Overwrought Behavior

A London concert by U.S. rapper **NAS** was stopped after a gunman apparently opened fire in the London venue where he was performing, British police said Tuesday. No one was injured in the incident

at the Brixton Academy in south London late Monday, said police. The Evening Standard newspaper, however, reported that several people were hurt as panicked fans rushed to leave the concert, but didn't give any details. Nas stopped performing immediately and organizers evacuated the venue. (AP)

WARNING

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Former teen idol **DAVID CASSIDY** says his life's passion is to win the Kentucky Derby. The "Partridge Family" star has a contender in Mayan King, an undefeated 3-year-old who will run Saturday in

the Lane's End Stakes at Kentucky's Turfway Park. Cassidy co-owns the horse with several partners. "If I could win the Kentucky Derby, there would be nothing on the face of the Earth, other than the birth of my son 14 years ago, to compare to the thrill and the high of it," he said Tuesday. (AP)

RESTRAINT

He Also Must Not Look At Her 'Funny' or Too Long

 **JANET JACKSON** obtained a restraining order Thursday against a man she said has been harassing her for nine years. The Santa Monica, Calif., Superior Court judge ordered Robert Gardner, 46, to stay at least 100 yards away from Jackson and not to contact the entertainer, her family, agents, attorneys or managers. Gardner appeared in court without an attorney and told the judge he had both business and personal matters to discuss with Jackson. (AP)

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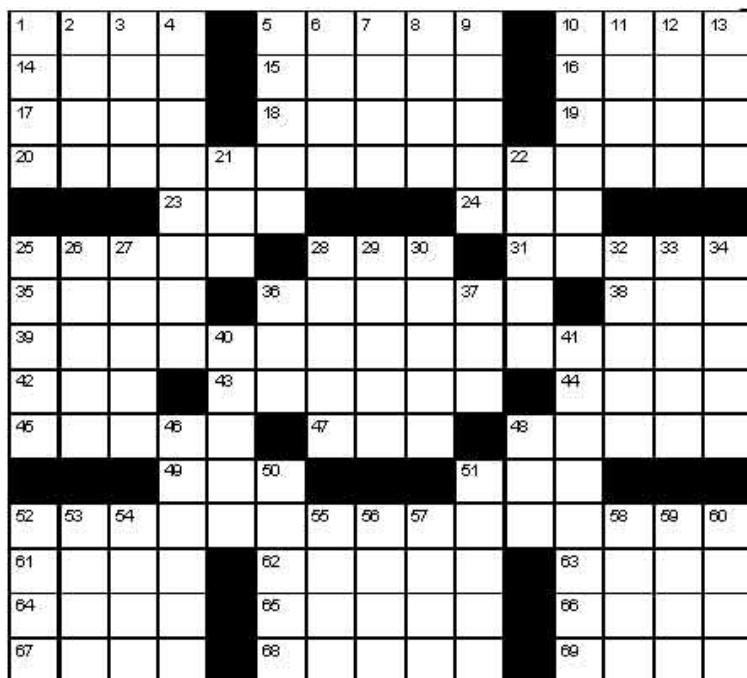
On March 23, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention at St. John's Church in Richmond, Va., "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

Ride 'Em Cowboy | Edited by Timothy E. Parker**ACROSS**

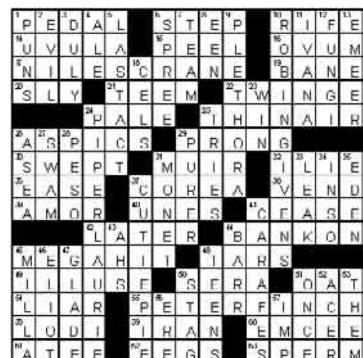
- Strong woody fiber
- Slipper that has no fitting around the heel
- Ocean liner?
- Instrument for an angelo?
- Spud
- It's on tap in Mexico
- Projector's load
- Give a valedictory, e.g.
- Dudley Do-Right's girl
- In control, again
- Piggery
- "Ben-__"
- Rhyme for "stash," appropriately
- "Get thee __ nunnery"
- Fancy bashes
- Norwegian city
- Prophetic shrine
- Muslim or Christian, e.g.
- Teach
- English break
- Between-meal snacks
- Authors
- Talus formation
- Punctured ball sound
- Leave the trail
- Z (completely)
- Uris hero
- Canaan
- Spontaneous
- Ersatz juice
- 20th-century French painter

DOWN

- Zinging remark
- Kind of rug
- On __ (as a gamble)
- Daytime fare
- Unemotional
- Hand wagon
- The 45th of 50
- Elaborate party
- Unspoiled
- First name on the Supreme Court
- Far along in life
- Valueless
- Buttermilk's rider
- Suffix with Israel
- It's supposed to be boring
- Rica
- Ghastly pale
- Conceal, in a way
- It's a lock
- Some are solemn
- Has sore muscles
- Biblical pariah
- Field of action



- Disrespectful, in a way
- Noted Japanese-American
- ___ Girls" (Gene Kelly musical)
- And __ grow on
- Hopeful soul
- More substantial
- Heavenly sign for an angel?
- Rubbed out
- Field of action
- "Leave it in," editorially
- It may be worn in the woods
- A place __ itself
- Fictional piece
- Kind of hoop or skirt
- What one isn't?
- Cartoon character
- Krabappel
- Minimal high tide
- New car necessities

Yesterday's Solution**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may display a surprising fondness for something that is considered unusual or even bizarre by the less daring or colorful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Concentrate on finesse and style; how you orchestrate that first move will make all the difference. Romantic success can be yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be all too willing to tell all when it would serve you better to keep certain things under wraps for the time being.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll enjoy a good deal of excitement as a result of an unusual encounter. Don't let personal safety slip through the cracks, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The cure for a complicated and stressful day is bound to be good old-fashioned TLC. Someone at home is more than willing to supply what you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're in the mood to play some games to add spice and adventure to those things that have recently become routine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Watch what you say; the wrong word at the wrong time may add fuel to an already dangerous emotional fire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What is not readily apparent as the day opens may

well become clear after only a good deal of close investigation on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have to isolate yourself for a time as you struggle with a problem that is yours alone to solve. You can mix and mingle during the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What you accomplish may be remembered for some time and not only because you did it, but because it will prove valuable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others are likely to express interest in your personal affairs, but be sure that well-meaning intruders do not overcome you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) See if you can go back to how you did things in the past. Greater enjoyment may result, and you may minimize personal dangers.

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